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Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
Office of Conservation
P. O. Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Application for Public Hearing
Applicant: Oleum Operating Co., L.C.
Esther Field
Vermilion Parish, Louisiana
CRIS 8 Sand, RA

Dear Sir:

Oleum Operating Co., L.C. (Applicant) hereby applies for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Cristalleria 8 Sand, Reservoir A in the Esther Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.

In its application, Applicant intends to request an order to do the following, to-wit:

1. To dissolve the unit created by Order No. 489-C-1, dated effective May 20, 2001, and to simultaneously create a single drilling and production unit of approximately 92 acres for the Cristalleria 8 Sand, Reservoir A, designated as the CRIS 8 Sand, RA, Esther, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
2. To establish rules and regulations for drilling and production of oil, gas and other hydrocarbons from the said unit
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the units so created, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.

4. To designate Oleum Operating Co., L.C. as Unit Operator for the proposed unit.
5. To designate the Oleum Operating Co., L.C. #1 Segrera as the unit well for the revised unit.
6. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent and appropriate under the circumstances.


The CRIS 8 Sand, Reservoir A in the Esther Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana was previously defined in Order No. 489-C, dated June 8, 1961, as that gas and condensate bearing sand encountered between the measured depths of 12,190 feet and 12,254 feet (ELM) in the Texas Crude Oil Company #1 Cristalleria 7 Unit 3-Miller Well located in Section 5, Township 14 South, Range 3 East, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.

A conference to discuss the proposed application was held on the 16th day of February, 2006 in Lafayette. A copy of the attendance list for that conference is attached. At the conference Mr. Joe Adams, consultant for the Applicant, explained the geological basis for the proposed unit. No counter plans were presented, and there is no present indication of opposition to the proposed unit.

Attached is a plat outlining the proposed unit. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, a list of names and addresses of the all Interested Parties, Represented Parties and Interested Owners to whom this notice is being sent is being furnished only to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation. However, a list of parties will be provided to any party requesting a copy. A diligent effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Interested Parties and Represented Parties as required by the Revised Rules of Procedure.

Also enclosed is our firm's check in the amount of \$755.00, payable to the Office of Conservation, in payment of the hearing fee.

Respectfully Submitted,
Milling Benson Woodward, L.L.P.


Robert L. Cables

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(w/Interested Parties List)

cc: Interested Parties, Represented Parties and Interested Owners

